18 October 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 2 Term 4.

Every Student Succeeding- Today’s Effort Tomorrow’s Success

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Welcome back everybody.

World Staff Day

Every year on our Student Free Day/Staff Professional Development Day in October we take the opportunity to say one BIG THANKYOU to the staff at Woodford P-10 State School. We acknowledge the team effort it takes to make our school the best place in the world to work. So when you get the chance say a big thank you to the cleaners, groundsman, office staff, support staff, teacher aides and teachers.

RSL Community Links

Woodford RSL Sub-branch is supporting the students in our school to make Community Links with past service men and women. If you have a family member who has served in the Australian Defence Force and your child/ren would like to research them and have a Community Links Badge to wear on various commemorative parades please bring details of that service person to the school office for further follow up with the RSL.

Reading/Comprehension - Have you ever thought about the complexity of the task of learning to read. It is truly amazing to see our children in prep and throughout the school making connections when learning to read. Just a quick reminder it is lovely to listen to children read but more importantly we need to continually check that they are understanding/comprehending what they are reading.

Writing - At school we find an opportunity to write every day. At home have your children write shopping lists, Christmas wish lists, letters to Gran and Pop, Santa, Uncle and Aunty. There are so many stories inside us all. Just take five minutes to sit with your children and even scribe their story and have them illustrate it so they can send it to someone special.

Attendance

A reminder that every day does count and at this point in time our attendance is disappointingly sitting just below 90%. Let’s make a special effort to ensure all students attend school unless they are sick.

Communication through Office

Throughout a day at school and in the community I get to speak to so many people. For anyone who knows me they will agree that I enjoy our conversations. I would just like to ask that if the conversation we are having needs to be documented or requires follow up action please make an appointment to speak with me through the office. It is very important to me that I do follow up on your concerns and I have on occasions got very busy between one conversation and another and not remembered your request. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you are concerned about anything.

Booklists

Class booklists will be handed out this week. Orders are to be placed directly with Clews News. Book packages will be picked at the school tuckshop.
Clowning

From the Director General:

As widely reported in the media, there is a current trend of people dressing as clowns and going in public with the intent of scaring others. Yesterday a number of Queensland state schools were named as targets for this behaviour in a Facebook post.

Any behaviour by members of the general public with the intent to scare or intimidate others should be immediately reported to the police and the principal should take any action deemed appropriate to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Any behaviour by students (including that related to clowning) with the intent to scare or intimidate others should be dealt with according to the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. Principals are asked to be alert to this issue and where required, communicate with their school community to reassure all concerned that the safety and wellbeing of students continues to be their highest priority.

Please be assured that Woodford P-10 State School will not tolerate this behaviour and police will be contacted if required.

Josh Arnold

It was a fabulous visit with Singer/Songwriter Josh Arnold this week. Together with interested students he has penned a great Woodford Community Song and we are looking so forward to the completion of this project and sharing it with the community. The song celebrates the strengths of this incredible community.

Review Outcome

As we continue to work through the review process I am proud to announce that Woodford P-10 State School has had very positive reviews and we are on track to completing the process in early 2017.

Sunday Creek Camps

Year 4 students along with their teachers enjoyed a great couple of days exploring at the Sunday Creek Environmental Education Centre. Enjoy the photos.

Year 3 Sleep over

On Friday 14 October our Year 3 students braved the wilds of the Woodford P-10 State School grounds and have their very own camp out. This too is always a lovely experience for the children and always well supported by staff and parents.

Safe and Supportive School Environment (PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning)

- Being Respectful: We care for each other, our school and environment.
- Seeing Results: We participate and give our best.

P & C News

Tuckshop News: Reminder: Tuckshop days will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The tuckshop will be open both lunch breaks.

Celebrating 135 years of Schooling in Woodford

Woodford P-10 State School Primary sector will be 135 years old in 2017. The Secondary Department will turn 50 in the same year. We are planning a big celebration and you are invited to a Meet and Greet on Friday evening, 24 March 2017, followed by a day full of fun and activities on Saturday 25 March 2017. At this point we are looking to create a book of memoirs and are looking for past and present students to share some of their treasured memories and a photo or two. Keep the messages coming. If you would like to participate in our Book of Memoirs, please send your page to us by email, hard copy through the office or post. Email address: anniversary@woodfordss.eq.edu.au.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

Please be reminded that mobile phones and any other electronic devices that may come to school are the responsibility of the student who bring them.

Primary students must place there devices in the office on arrival at school in the morning and pick them up at 3:00pm unless they are leaving on the early bus.

Secondary students have signed an electronic device agreement that outlines appropriate electronic device use and student responsibility around the use of electronic devices at school. If your child/ren bring an electronic device to school it is for their use only and consequences will apply for students who wish to use them inappropriately.

Cyber Safety

Are your children safe online? Cyber safety is our business.

Keep your kids safe online - Resources for being cyber safe

http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/

Keep your children safe online. Use our resources to help teach to be cyber safe
Hi Guys, I’m Sam and I want to see how cybersmart you can be. It’s really important to be safe when you are online and together we are going to learn how.

Ronnie.

Secondary News

Curriculum Guides and Subject Selection

Curriculum guides and subject selection forms for students in Year 9 and 10 in 2017 will be distributed by the end of this week. Subject selection forms are due to form teachers by Friday, 28 October, 2017.

Year 10 Graduation Trip - Dreamworld

Preparations are currently being made for this annual day out. Parents and students are reminded that all levies and fees must be paid and assessment must be submitted to attend this trip.

First Lego League Competition

Some of our Year 8 Students began the initial stages of the First Lego League Competition. These students will be the team captains for district competitions during Term 4. Students in Years 5 to 8 are being invited to join these teams. If you would like your child involved, please contact Mr Pendergast (spend8@eq.edu.au).

Thursday Afternoon Basketball

Thursday afternoon basketball has started again this term. It is wonderful that so many students are taking the opportunity to develop their skills and be active while socialising with teachers and other students. Thank you Mr Murray for organising this and to the teachers who attend.

Year 4 Sunday Creek Camp

Year 4 enjoyed camping at Sunday Creek there was lots of laughter and enjoyment. There was plenty of fun activities for all of us to do and had a great time working together and joining in to do some teamwork. Year 4 had a wonderful time walking in the Sunday Creek forest. And was a great experience for us to learn what it was like in the past. While we were walking we got to see where the old mines were. We also got to look at the old glass dump. It was a great walk although we got leaches everyone kept calm and enjoyed the feel of the amazing forest. After we got back everyone was exhausted from the long walk but it wasn’t over yet. The night activities were all and fun but was very challenging we used our torches to find the unknown animal cards around the environment. It was night time so we all had to have a shower so we were all ready for dinner. The meals were amazing. In the morning we did some bird watching and in the day we played a challenging blind folded game.

Written by

Indiah and Dakota

Visit by Olympian Jodie Kenny

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming timetable starts Wednesday 19 October and Thursday 20 October.

**Wednesdays** - Year 4A, Year 3A, Year 2A, Year 2/3C, Prep A, Prep B, Year 1B, Year 1A

**Thursdays** – Years 5/6C, Years 4/5C, Year 6A, Year 5A

Please bring sun protection and a ‘wet bag’ for swimming gear, sandals to walk to and from the pool, appropriate clothing (swim shirt) and goggles if your child/ren has sensitive eyes.

Prep Transitioning

Parents/Carers and 2017 Preppies are invited to attend our transitioning mornings between 9.00 – 10.00 am on the following dates:-

Friday 21 October, Friday 28 October and Friday 4 November.

Our Parent Information Morning will be held on Friday 11 November between 9.00 – 11.00 am.

You’re welcome to attend as many mornings as you wish to ensure a smooth transition for your child into Prep 2017.

Cyber Smart Kids Quiz


1. Cached
2. Similar
Year 8’s Japanese Tea Ceremony

This week the Year 8’s sampled green tea and Sakura tea during a Japanese Tea Ceremony hosted by pre-service teacher, Ms Bingley. They have been learning about cultural traditions, societal structure and change and continuity in Japan during the Shogunate era. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a hands-on learning experience.

QParent

Reminder to all Prep and Year 1 Parents to return their QParent form which was sent home with students at the end of Term 3. If you require a form please contact the office. We hope to be commencing with the QParents portal information shortly.

Before and After School Care

WOODFORD P-10 STATE SCHOOL
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Students can be dropped off at school from 8:15am in the morning and must be collected from the school by 3:30pm in the afternoon. If you’re unable to collect your student by this time you will need to make alternate arrangements.

Before & After School Care is available through Goodstart Woodford. For further information please phone 54961 321.

All student early departures must be signed out at the school office. Phone messages to students cannot be guaranteed after 2.00pm in the afternoon.

These arrangements are put in place to enable your students to receive the best possible supervision while attending our school.

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